1845-1855

B-3224 - B-3233 926-900 Light St. (West side) Baltimore, Md. Private access

This group of houses located along the west side of the 900 block of Light St. were originally all built as two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, much like the houses to the west along Hamburg and Henrietts Streets. Many, however, have since been enlarged to a full three stories in height and now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices. Most currently serve a mixed commercial/residential use. The houses located in the southern half of the block, south of Wheeling St. (916-926 Light St.) were built by John S. Gittings as part of his development of the unit block of Hamburg St.; those hosues located to the north of Wheeling St. (900-914 Light St.) were built by a variety of individual owners.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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X_GOOD (922)

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X ORIGINAL SITE

__MOVED DATE_____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of houses were originally both two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs built in the 1840's as part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Light St. 922 Light St. was later enlarged and now is three stories in height with a shed roof and bracketed cornice. Both houses have had their first floor areas converted into shop-fronts.

922 Light St. is three stories in height, 924 Light St. is two and a half stories in height. Both houses are 14' wide, and occupy lots 80' deep. 922 Light has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, four bay deep rear addition; 924 Light has a two and a half story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connnects the main house to a two story high, three bay deep rear addition, followed by a two story high, one bay deep frame addition. The houses are constructed in running bond but 924 Light has a new brick facade. The houses both originally had low-pitched gable roofs with two-tier brick cornices, as 924 Light does today. 922 Light now has a shed roof with wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above panels decorated with scroll-sawed motifs and bordered at their lower edge with quarter-round carvings and a lower molding strip. Three elaborately carved brackets support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip. The houses share paired, centrally located double rectangular chimneys on both the front and rear roof gables. Each house also has a rear end chimney, located at the west end of the rear addition.

The houses originally had splayed brick lintels and stone sills on all of the door and window openings. 922 Light St. still has splayed brick lintels and stone sills on the second and third story openings. 924 Light St., however, has had its facade re-faced and now has new vertical stretcher lintels and stone sills. The window openings at 924 Light St. are filled with new 6/1 double hung sash; the window openings at 922 Light St. are filled with unusual, late nineteenth century-style sash consisting of an upper Mission-style sash over a single pane lower sash. The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts. At 922 Light St. the first floor facade has been covered with formstone. There is a glass and panel door set beneath a single light transom located in the northernmost bay, flanked by a plate-glass store window. There is no cornice, but only a deep aluminum sign area overhead. 924 Light St. has a new Colonial-style store-front consisting of a multi-light glass and panel door set beneath a filled-in single light transom and flanked by a multi-light window set beneath a molded wooden lintel. The doorway has an elaborate Colonial wooden door frame, with a steeply pitched pediment supported by Doric pilasters framing a round-arched entryway with paneled interior walls. The arch beneath the pediment has a wooden keystone. 926 Light St. has the same Colonial-style storefront as both buildings have been converted for use by a Savings and Loan Association.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
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| _PREHISTORIC | _ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | COMMUNITY PLANNING | _LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | RELIGION | |
| _1400-1499 | _ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | CONSERVATION | _LAW | SCIENCE | |
| _1500-1599 | AGRICULTURE | ECONOMICS | LITERATURE | SCULPTURE | |
| _1600-1699 | XARCHITECTURE | EDUCATION | MILITARY | _SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| _1700-1799 | ART | ENGINEERING | MUSIC | THEATER | |
| X-1800-1899 | COMMERCE | _EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | PHILOSOPHY | _TRANSPORTATION | |
| 1900- | COMMUNICATIONS | _INDUSTRY | POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | _OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | _INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John

John S. Gittings

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 926 Light St.

Like the adjoining house at 926 Light St., this pair of houses were originally built as two story plus attic houses, with the first floor areas probably always intended to serve as store-fronts.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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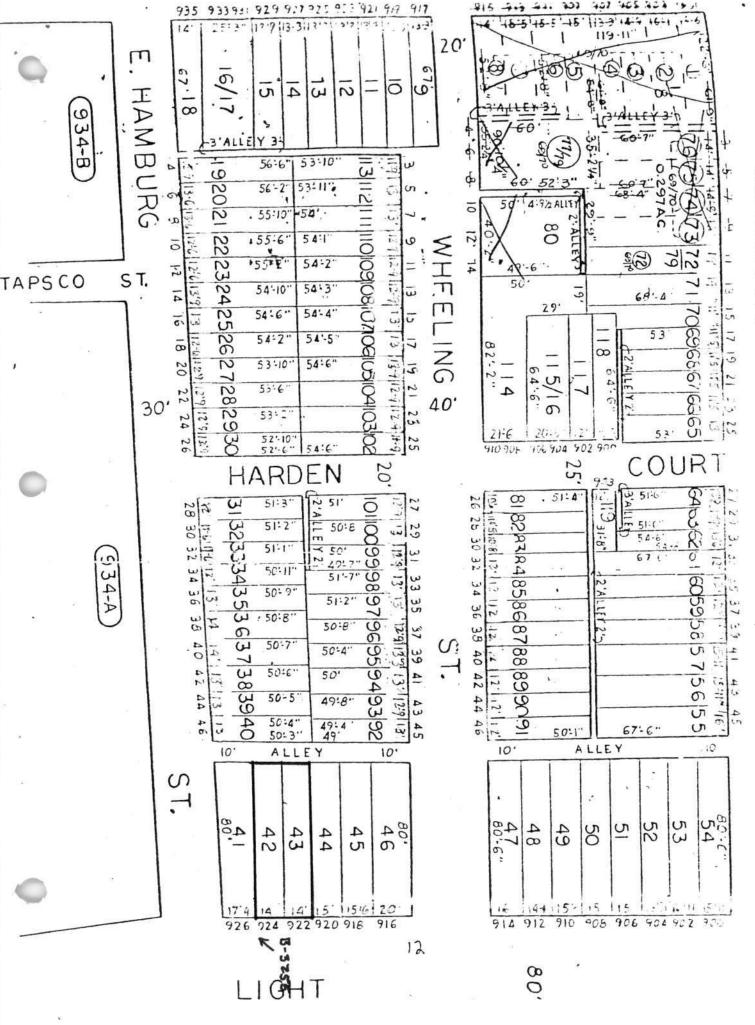
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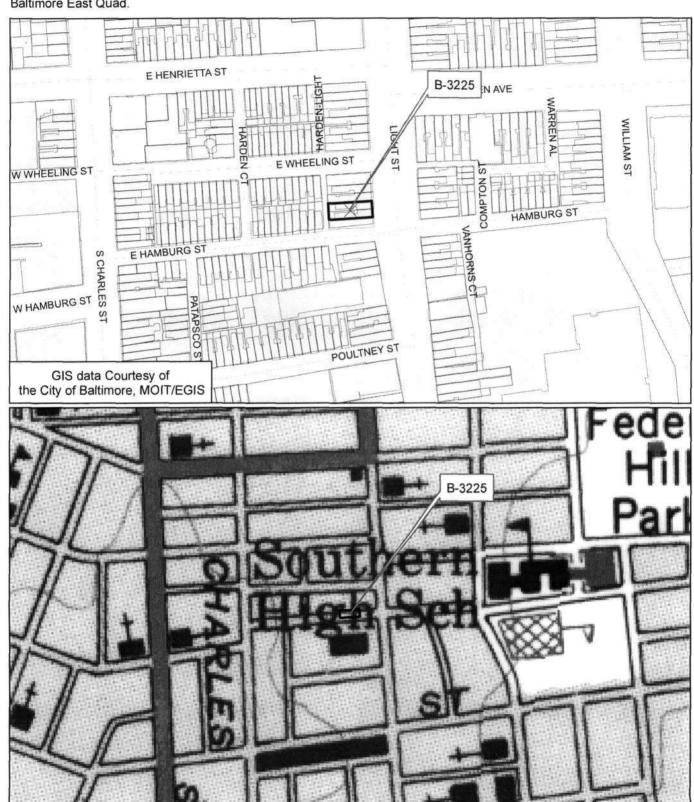
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